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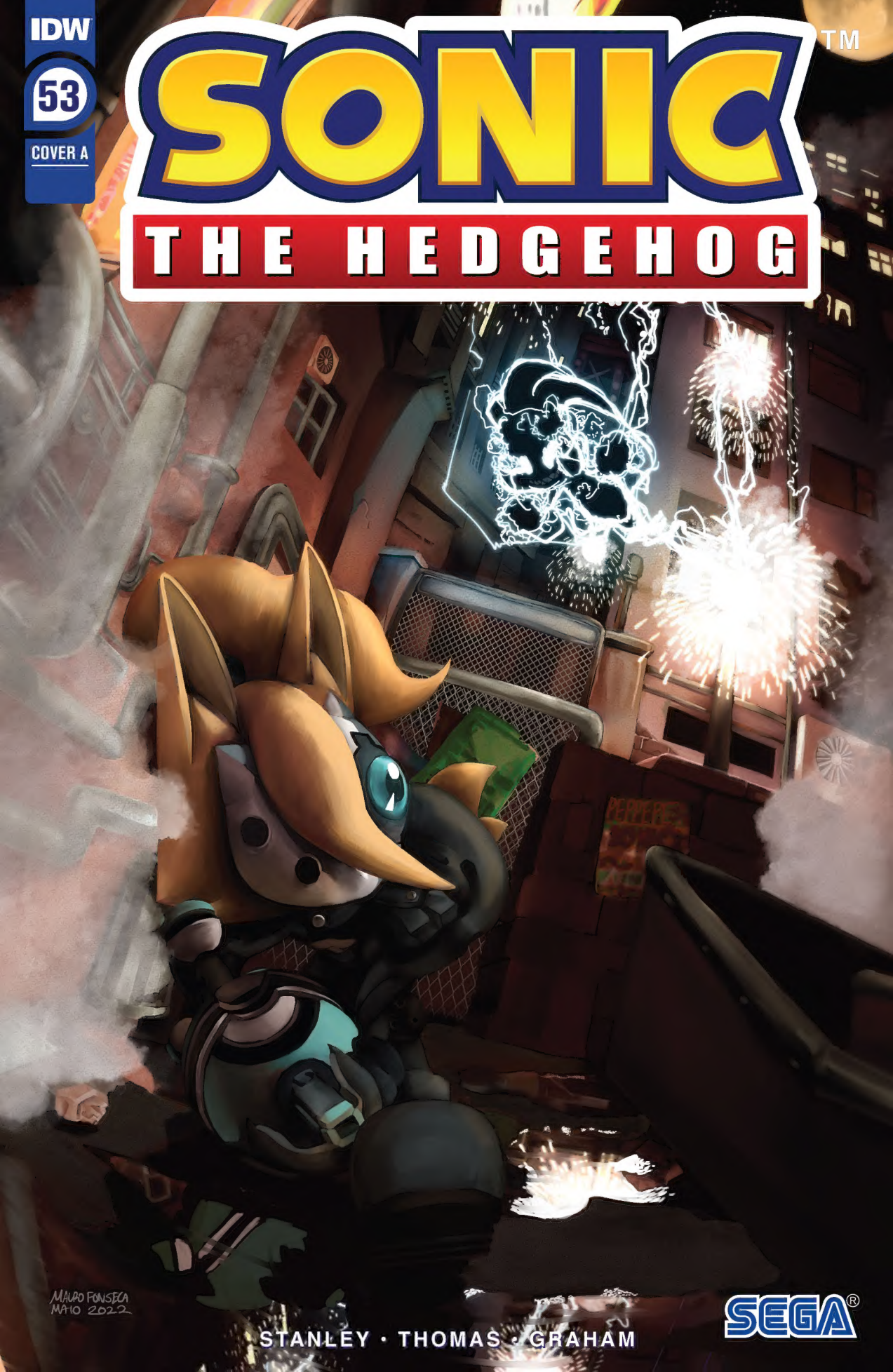
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THE HEDGEHOG



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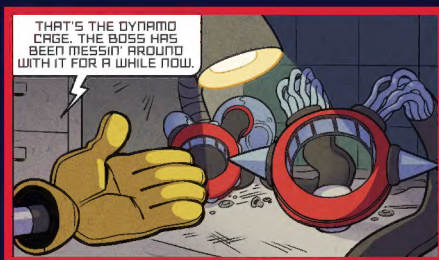
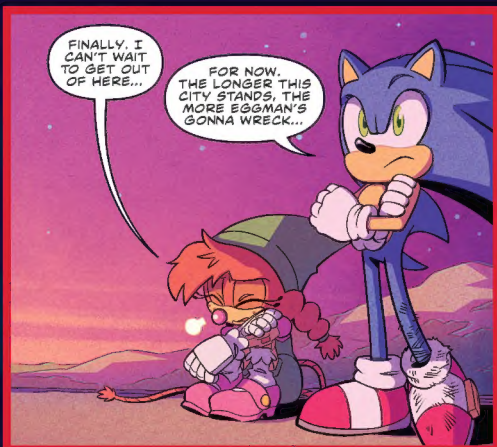
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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-Savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



KITSUNAMI "KIT" THE FENNEC

Sorrowful Sidekick.
High-flying hyrdromancer.



BELLE THE TINKERER

Clumsy Marionette.
Enthusiastic newcomer.



JEWEL THE BEETLE

Crystal Curator.
Restoration leader.



WHISPER THE WOLF

Silent Sniper.
Variable wispon master.



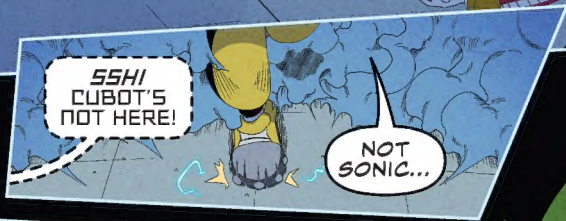
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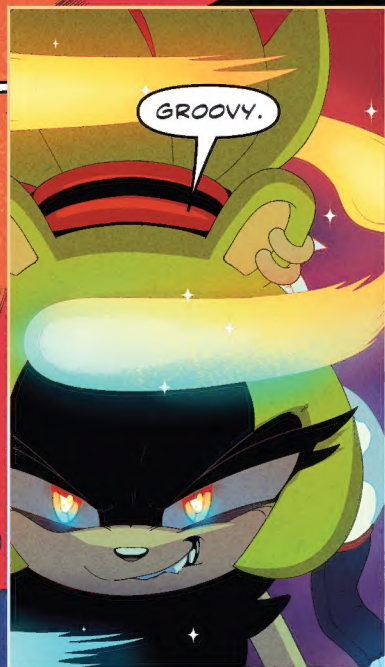
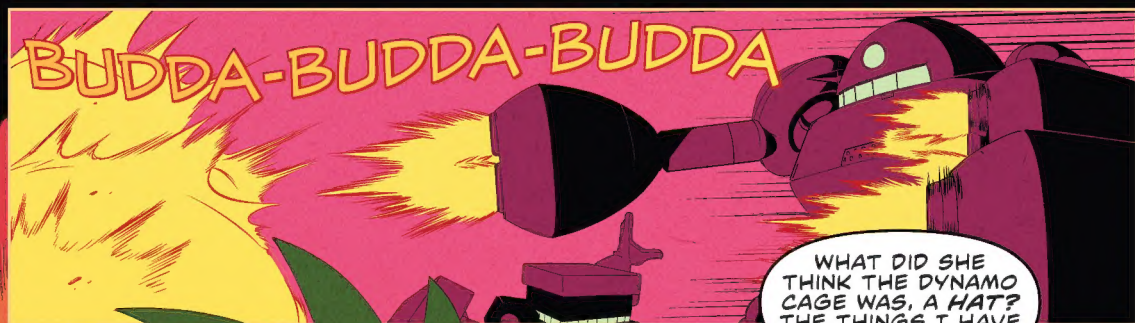
The Mean Green.
Roguish speedster.



DR. EGGMAN

Mad Genius.
Egg enthusiast.







THAT IS NOT HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO WORK! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY DYNAMO CAGE?!

PFF, YOU GENIUS DOCTOR-TYPES THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING.



IT'S NOT YOUR "DYNAMO CAGE" ANYMORE. IT'S MINE, AND I'LL USE IT MY WAY.



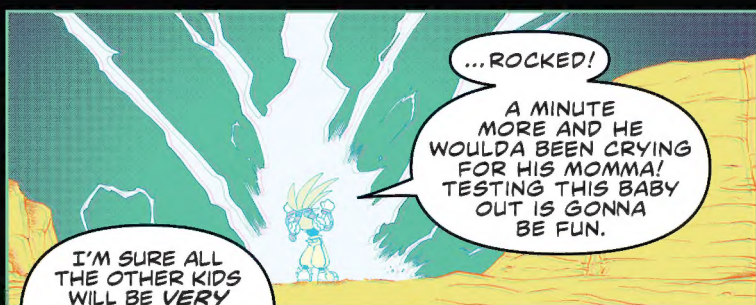
MAN...

...YOU'RE LUCKY SONIC'S AT THE TOP OF MY HIT-LIST.

ZAP



DON'T GET TOO COMFY, DOC. I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU.





YOUR NEW ACCESSORIES ARE CERTAINLY... A CHOICE.

YOU-- YOU'RE GONE!

HM? OH, THAT. IT'D BE MORE OF A PROBLEM IF I WERE REAL.



THAT LITTLE NUMBER'S GOT YOU RUNNING ON **OVERDRIVE**, INCLUDING YOUR BRAIN, **MINIMAL** AS IT MAY BE. PERHAPS I'M YOUR FEVER DREAM.

AS TO WHY YOU'VE SOUGHT MY COUNSEL... WELL, IT'D TAKE ALL DAY TO GET TO THE ROOT OF THAT.

IT'S DOING WHAT?! OH, NO WAY--



YES, YOU'RE MUCH BETTER OFF WITHOUT IT. BEATEN, WEAK, ALONE...

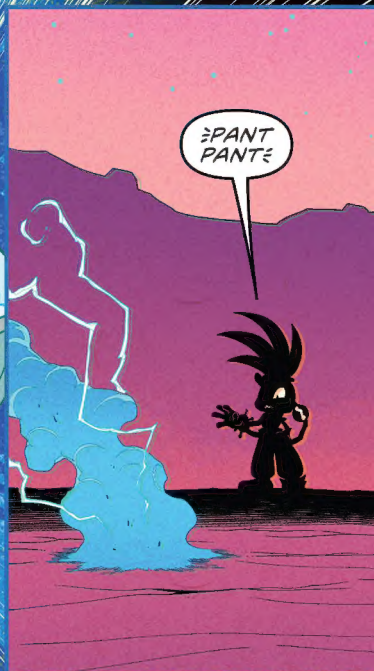


I'M NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO YOU.

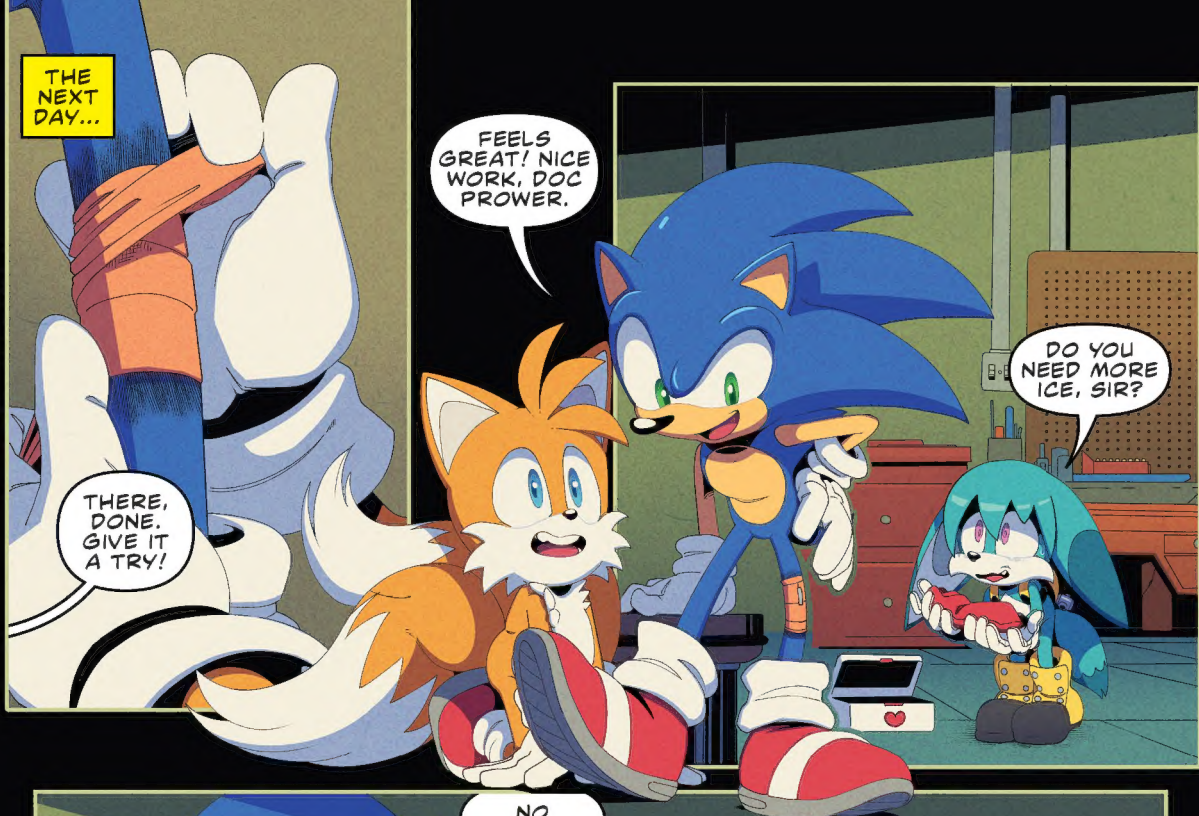
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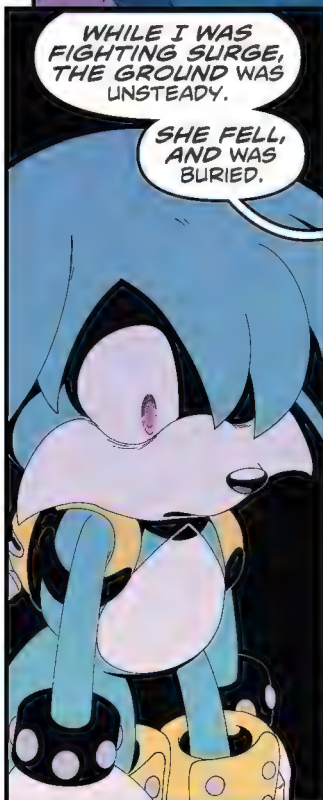
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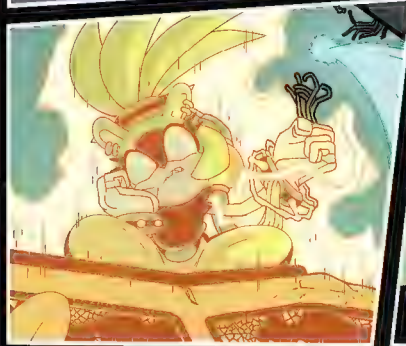
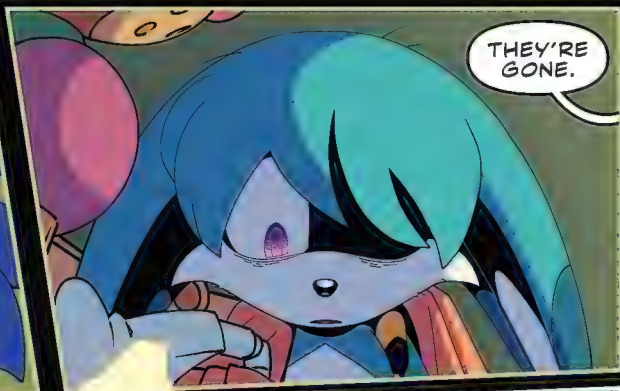
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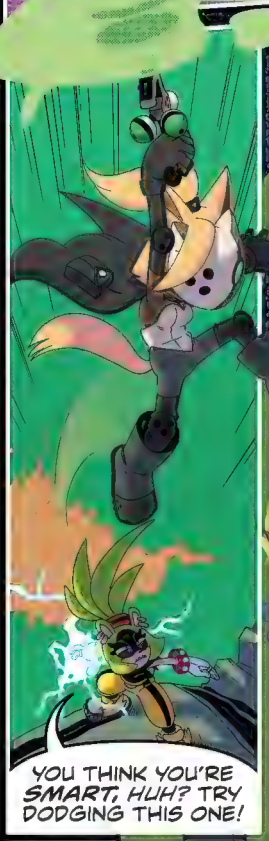








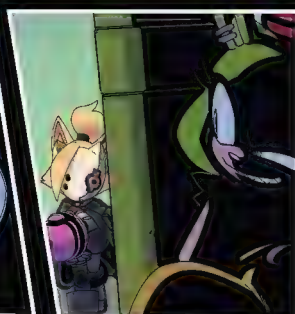
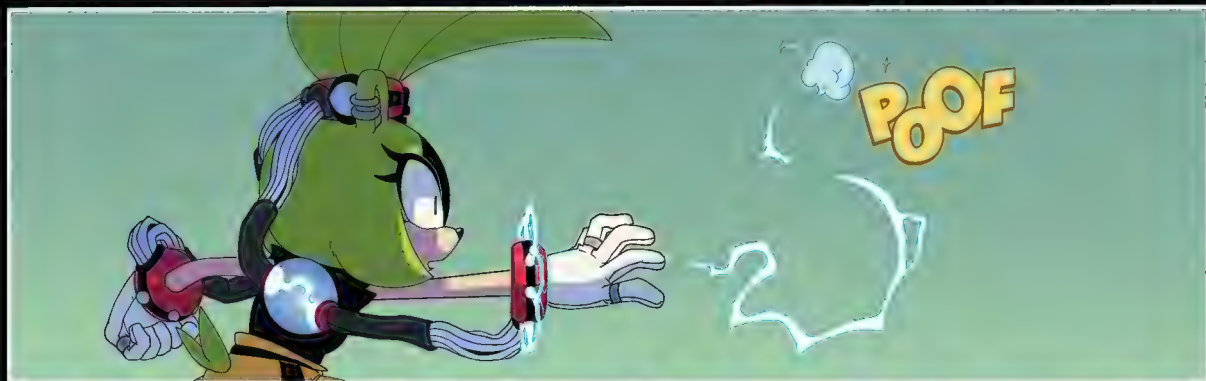
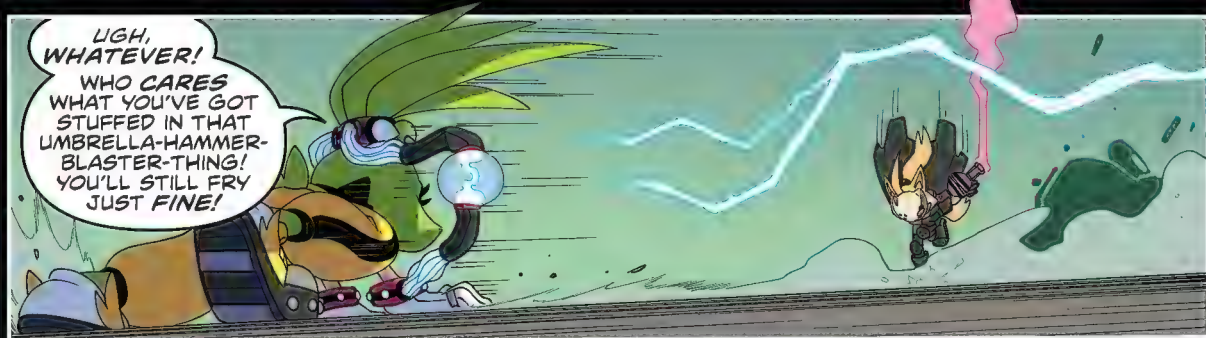
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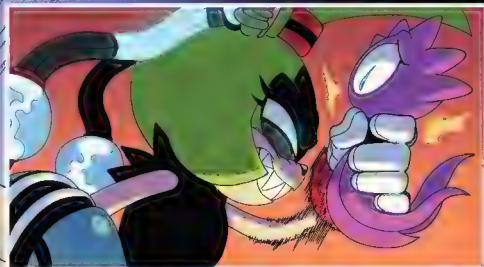
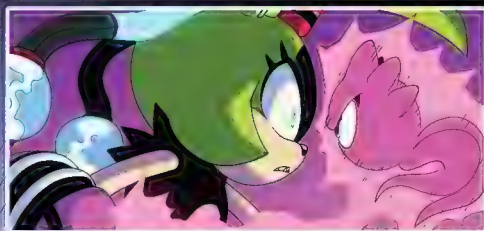
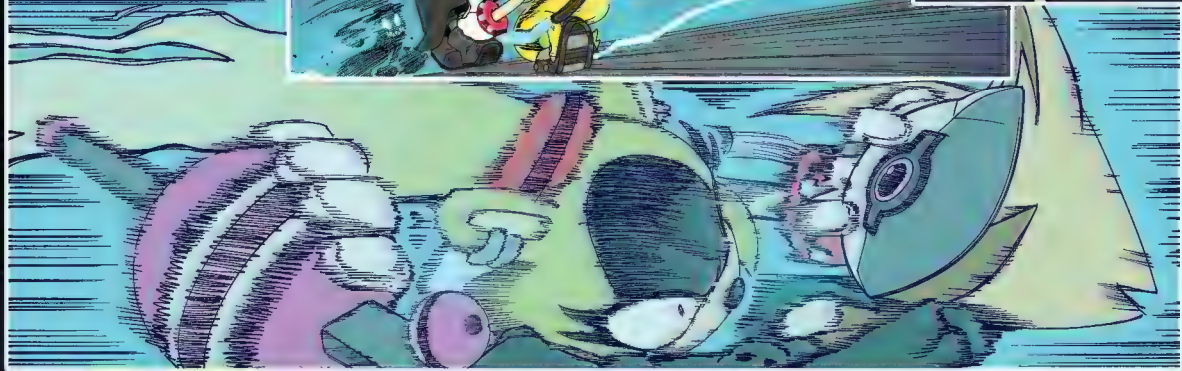
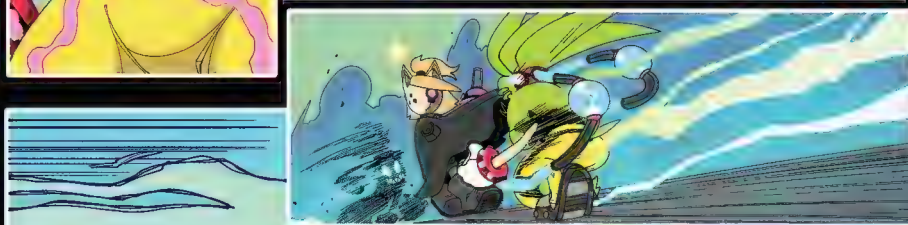
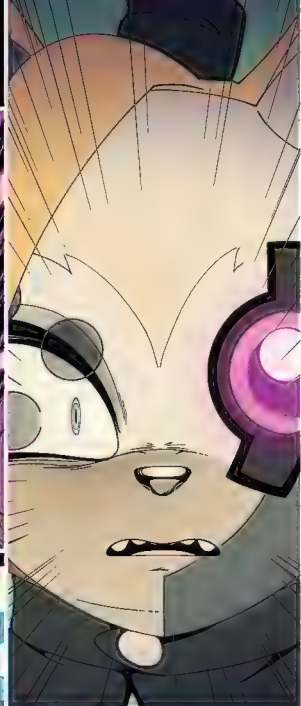
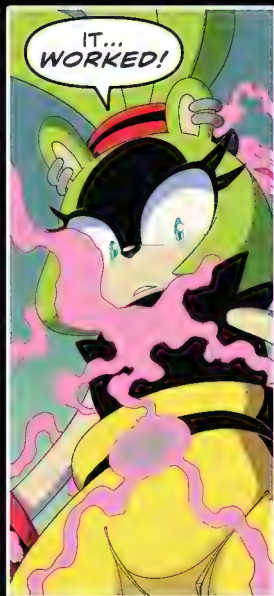


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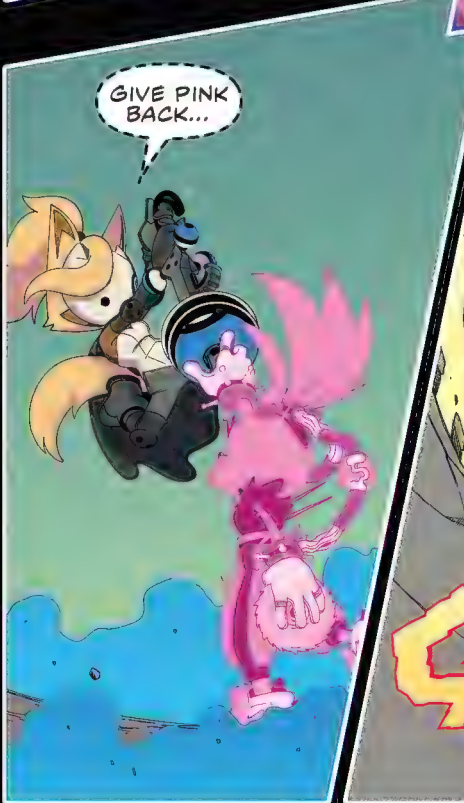
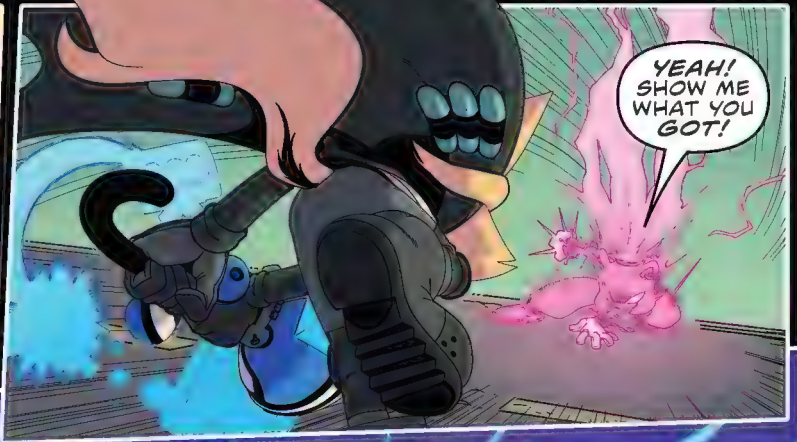
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SOMETHING'S
HAPPENING DOWNTOWN,
BUT WE KEEP GETTING
CONFLICTING REPORTS
FROM CENTRAL CITY.

TANGLE AND
THE REST OF THE
VOLUNTEERS ARE
SCRAMBLING TO DEAL WITH
THE DAMAGE FROM THAT
BADNIK ATTACK THE
OTHER NIGHT.

ARE YOU
IN THE
AREA?

YEAH, AND
SONIC'S HERE
TOO--DON'T
WORRY, WE'LL
CHECK IT
OUT.



YUP,
WE GOT
THIS.

OH,
THANK
GOODNESS!
GOOD LUCK,
YOU TWO!



DO
WE HAVE
THIS?

IT SOUNDS
LIKE WE KINDA
HAVE TO.

I'LL STAY
WITH KIT.



SOMEBODY
SHOULD BE
HERE FOR
HIM.

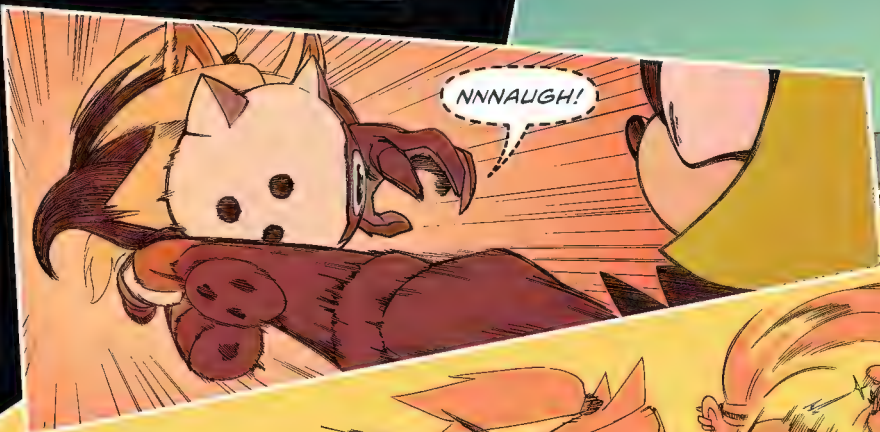


IT'S BEEN FUN, BUT I'M STARTING TO GET BORED...

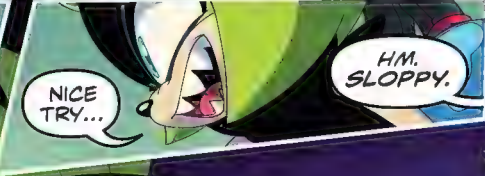
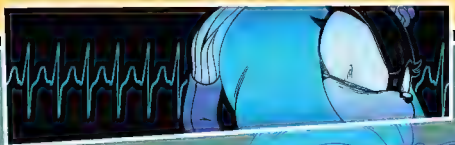
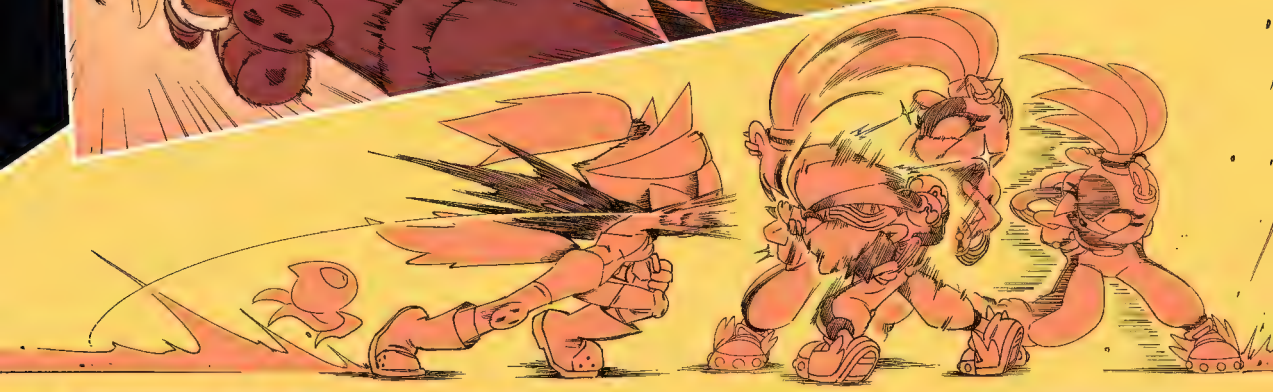


SO WHAT WOULD YOU PREFER? I'M ITCHING TO TRY OUT THIS ROCKET THING, BUT MAYBE THE SPIKES?

IT'S WHAT YOU DID TO ME, AFTER ALL. JUST RETURNING THE FAVOR.



NNNAUGH!



NICE TRY...

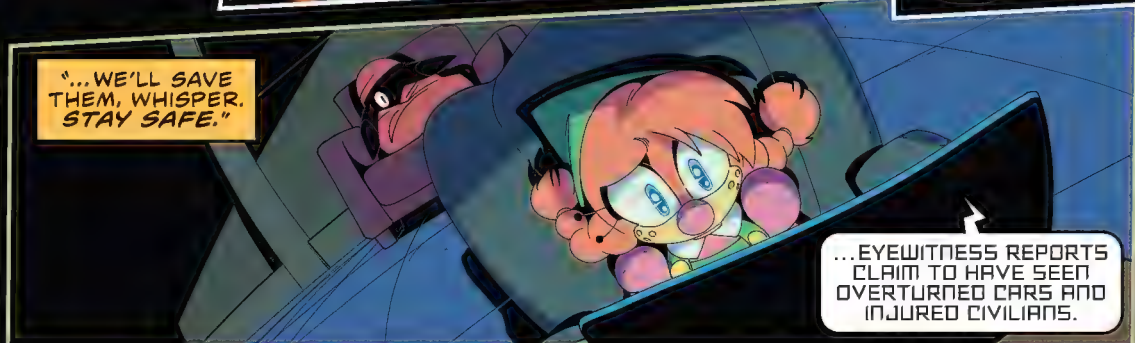
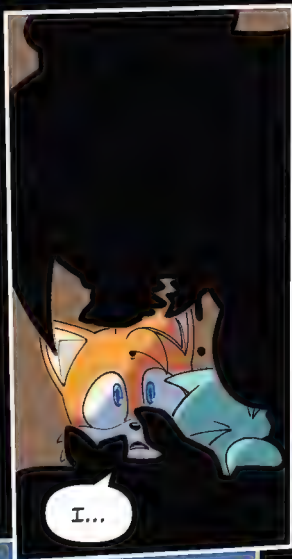
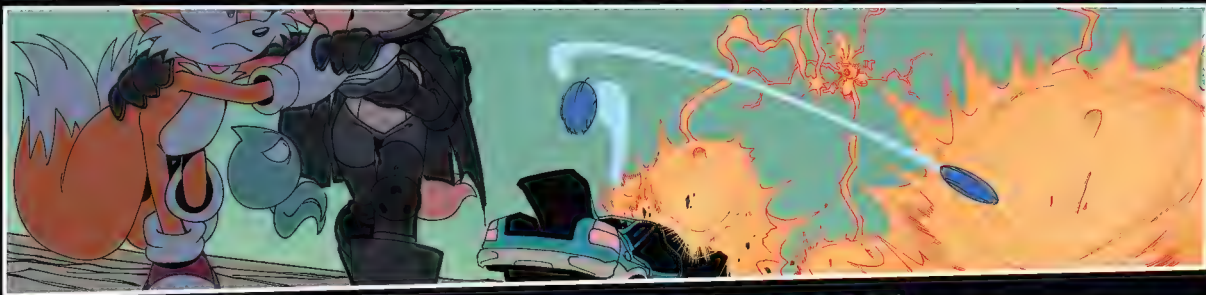
H.M. SLOPPY.

EVEN WITH ALL THAT PILFERED POWER, YOU'RE A MESS.

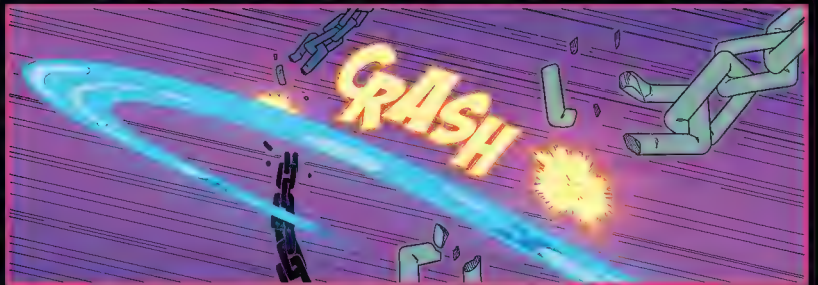
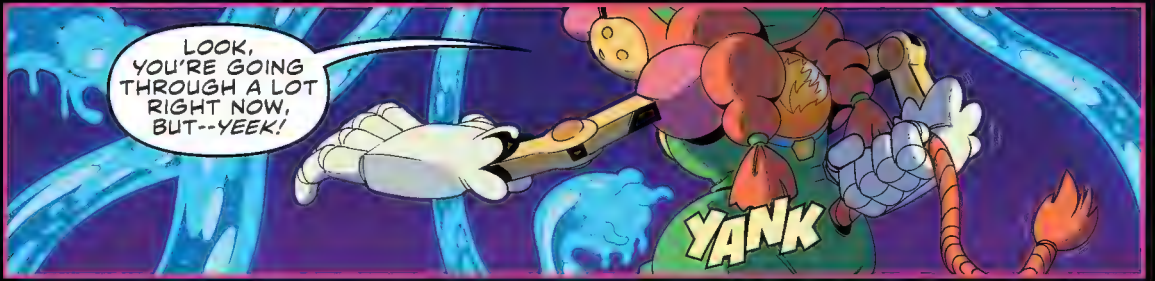
AT LEAST YOU'RE A CONSISTENT MESS...



...YOU.









**NEXT TIME:
SURGE & KIT
REUNITED?!**



NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD



Howdy, Sonic Squad! Don't you just hate it when the bad guys get a surge of power? Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Adam Bryce Thomas, Reggie Graham, and Shawn Lee for issue #53! Now, let's check out your letters and art, and get to know a bit more about artist Mauro Fonseca!

Hello again, Sonic squad!

Just wanted to send another congratulations your way on the landmark accomplishment of 50 issues! The buildup has been so interesting and exciting, and I'm a big fan of Surge in particular. The way she contrasts Sonic and her own personal struggles add a unique dimension to the themes of the comic so far, and I'm really interested in seeing how she continues to develop from here. Had to attach some art for the occasion.

Here's to more exciting stories to come!

Marcie



Hello, Marcie,

WOW! Your art is heartbreaking!!! I love it so much. Surge definitely has a unique story that makes her a really compelling character. Right now she's just getting eviler and letting her pain eat her up... I can't wait to see how she develops.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, issue #54 with a super powerful Surge and a super upset Kit!

CREATOR CORNER:

MAURO FONSECA



What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

So far, I've been an interiors penciller and a cover artist. I draw the stuff, basically.

Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

Amy Rose, the cool sweet and catchy girl and heart of the group. Comics-introduced, Tangle's a favorite too.

How do you take your chili dog?

I've yet to take one at all, never seen the things! I hear in some places they put lots of onion bits, that sounds good.

How did you first discover Sonic?

Seeing some older kid, probably older sister of some friend, playing Sonic 3 on Megadrive, back in like 1994.

What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

The *30th Anniversary Special!*

What's a boring fact about yourself?

That's the secret, captain, they're all boring facts—I'm terrible at videogames, let's go with that.

What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Giorgio Cavazzano's *Casablanca*, *All-Star Superman*, *Getter Robo*, *Tintin*, Osamu Tezuka's works... Hard to pick and depends on the mood!

What do you do when you're not drawing working on Sonic?

I'm drawing working on other stuff, mostly—Art for an indie studio named Cellar Chateaux, private commissions, my own comic ideas, or doodles for fun. Outside of drawing, watching old movies or hanging with friends.

What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

Might be the old Stay Sonic book—a British 1993 guidebook that explains the world of Sonic as it was seen back then by western Sega based on the Sonic 1 localization, and which served as the base for the UK *Sonic the Comic*, which I love, or the Martin Adams Sonic novels, which are also great.

If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Big. Some fun times grilling freshly-caught fish in the jungle over the sunset with some music playing.

What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

Human! Humans exist, right? I'd just be boring me. Or a Chao, that'd be fun too. Maybe one of those green Flickies...



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**THEY'RE BAD.
AND THEY'RE BACK!**



**DR. STARLINE HAS A NEFARIOUS PLAN,
BUT HE'LL HAVE TO RECRUIT SOME FAMILIAR
AND NOT-SO-FRIENDLY FACES TO DO IT!**

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AND KIND OF JUMBLED,
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